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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOVIET LAND RECLAMATION EQUIPMENT DELEGATION

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1. DURING MEETING AUGUST 4 WITH DEPMIN LAND RECLAMATION AND WATER RESOURCES PETERSON, CONCERNING PROPOSED S/ME ON LAND RECLAMATION NEXT APRIL, COMATT INQUIRED ABOUT FORTHCOMING VISIT TO U.S. OF SOVIET LAND RECLAMATION DELEGATION HEADED BY FIRST DEPMIN ALEKSANDR ALEKSANKIN. IN RESPONSE, PETERSON HANDED US COPY OF LETTER DATED JULY 15 WHICH MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED FROM BARRY SHANDLER, DIRECTOR OF CERES INTERNATIONAL, INC. (120 WALL STREET, NEW YORK; TEL: 212-944-5400) AND WHICH CONTAINS FORMAL INVITATION AND SCHEDULE. PETERSON'S AIDE V.L. SIMONOV, DEP CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, SAID THAT DELEGATION WOULD FOLLOW CERES SCHEDULE AND THAT DEPMIN ALEKSANKIN WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE OR SIX OTHER PERSONS.

2. MINISTRY HOPED TO BE ABLE TO SEND FULL LIST OF NAMES OF DELEGATION TO EMBASSY NEXT WEEK VIA MFA IN VISA REQUEST NOTE. WE WILL ADVISE BEWT/TDAD SOONEST COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION WHEN MFA NOTE RECEIVED. OFFICIAL VISIT WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER  
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11 (ARRIVAL IN U.S.) THROUGH OCTOBER 2 (DEPARTURE FROM U.S.). FOLLOWING FIRMS INCLUDED ON CERES ITINERARY: CERES INTERNATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, FLECO INC., ROME, INC., JOHN DEERE, TENNECO, VALLEY & LINDSEY, LOMAR CONSTRUCTION, ATECO, AND AG-CHEM. GROUP WILL ALSO SPEND TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON: SEPTEMBER 29 (USSR EMBASSY RECEPTION) AND SEPT 30 (U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR).

3. DEP MIN PETERSON'S FURTHER SUGGESTIONS (SEE MOSCOW 1135 AND 1705) THEME FOR LAND RECLAMATION/WATER RESOURCES S/ME (APRIL, 1978) WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

4. AS REGARDS NON-BLACK EARTH PROJECTS (OF WHICH THERE ARE MANY, NOT JUST ONE), PETERSON, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, SAID THAT WHILE FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS HAD CERTAINLY BEEN ALLOCATED, NONE WERE IN HARD-CURRENCY AT LEAST FOR DURATION OF CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN. ALEKSANKIN DELEGATION, NEVERTHELESS, WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EVALUATING AVAILABLE U.S. STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE PURCHASES.

5. PETERSON WAS APPRECIATIVE OF USCO AND BEWT/TDAD OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US SHOULD HELP BE NEEDED. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DELEGATION'S SCHEDULE WAS "VERY FULL" AND HE SUSPECTED THERE WOULD BE LITTLE ROOM FOR VISITS TO ADDITIONAL U.S. FIRMS, BUT HELD DOOR OPEN FOR TDAD SUGGESTIONS AS TO "PARTICULARLY INTERESTING" VISITS WHICH MIGHT FIT IN WITH CERES SCHEDULE. IF TDAD HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PERHAPS A CONVERSATION WITH SHANDLER AT CERES WOULD BE IN ORDER. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN BROADENING SCOPE OF ALEKSANKIN DELEGATION'S ITINERARY IN U.S.  
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